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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yukio HEMMI, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING WATER QUALITY IN NUCLEAR REACTOR AND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO WHICH THE METHOD IS APPLIED

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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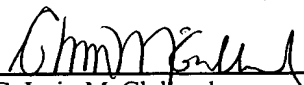
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO on Form PTO-1449:

This information discloses a method for controlling water quality in a nuclear power plant in which a concentration of iron in supply water is controlled to up to 0.1 ppb.

However, the method for controlling water quality of the present invention is different from that of the invention disclosed in the above information in a point that the concentration of iron in the supply water is reduced to almost zero, an amount of nickel generated from a supply water heater and fuel assembly is decrease, thereby to satisfy a condition of "iron/nickel (Fe/Ni) \geq 2". Due to the difference in the above point, it becomes possible to decrease a radioactivity of cobalt in reactor water to be almost zero.

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